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(C) A senior Dutch official covering Middle East affairs responded to reftel demarche by acknowledging that the GONL is aware of and concerned about the Palestinian Authority's dire financial straits. The Netherlands, however, will be unable to provide any urgent financial assistance. The official indicated that -- faced with pressure from the Dutch parliament to reduce contributions to Palestinian Authority funding -- the GONL would only consider Palestinian funding issues in an EU context and would not take a leadership role in pushing for additional funds.

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